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GOV. BILL RICHARDSON, C. Rick Lyons, director of HSC Infectious Disease and Inflammation Center and UNM President Louis Caldera announced recently that UNM will partner with deCODE Genetics, Inc., to study the genetics of infectious diseases and vaccine response. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases awarded deCODE a five-year, \$23.9 million grant to conduct the study. The National Center for Genome Research will also be a partner in the study.

<http://www.unm.edu/%7Emarket/cgi-bin/archives/000330.html#more>

A HOST OF DIGNITARIES, including Congresswoman Heather Wilson, UNM President Louis Caldera, Vice Provost for Research Terry Yates and Rick Homans, state secretary of economic development, participated in a ceremony to award a \$1.3 million federal grant to UNM's Manufacturing Training and Technology Center. The grant will help allow expansion of cleanroom capabilities for increased collaboration between UNM and small technology firms.

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PATRICIA BURTNER, associate professor, Occupational Therapy Graduate Program in the Pediatrics Department at School of Medicine, was recently awarded a four-year, \$800,000 grant to prepare occupational therapy graduate students for rural New Mexico school system practice. Funded by the U.S Department of Education, the grant provides support to educate all UNM occupational therapy graduate students in cultural competency, specific to rural New Mexico.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=3333>

A "LOBO LUAU" will be celebrated next week during UNM's 79th annual homecoming Oct. 18 - 23. Homecoming week will feature more than 50 separate events leading up to the football game Saturday, Oct. 23, at University Stadium when UNM takes on San Diego State. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000322.html#more>

ONE OF THE LARGEST and most comprehensive symposiums on the Vietnam War will open in several venues on the UNM campus Friday, Oct. 15. "VIETNAM: Voices and Visions Unfiltered" presents a public history of the Vietnam war, from all sides, through combat art, photography, personal correspondence, a speakers' series, public panel discussions, films, courses and more. <http://www.unm.edu/%7Emarket/cgi-bin/archives/000331.html#more>

NOTED AUTHOR, Native American activist and former chief of the Cherokee Nation Wilma Mankiller, is the second presenter in the UNM Native American Studies 2004-05 Lecture Series. She will give a free, public lecture "Controlling Our Own Image: Public Perception as a Sovereignty Protection Issue," Thursday, Oct. 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Kiva Auditorium, UNM campus. She will also lead a classroom discussion, "Contemporary Native Issues," from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Education Building, rm. 105.

ONCE AGAIN, student-athletes at UNM are joining the fight against cancer. The Alumni Lettermen's Association will sponsor the 5th Annual "Run for Relief." The run, which will be held Sunday, Nov. 7, at 10 a.m., on UNM's Johnson Field, is the Student Lettermen's Association signature event each fall. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000333.html#more>

THE FIRST Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium, featuring poster contests, presentations, performances and panel discussions, will be held at the Student Union Building on Monday, Nov. 22. The symposium is a chance for the university to honor students who are working on research and creative projects. Organizers are seeking undergraduates working on research projects in any subject area.

THE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER Library and Informatics Center received a collection of historical medical books and a \$10,000 endowment from George and Mary Voelz. George Voelz, who passed away last year, was an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Radiology, but is perhaps better known for his work as Health Division leader at Los Alamos National Laboratory. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=339>